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(b) the gross expenditure inclusive of the cost of paper and printing incurred on account of the Publicity Bureau in the years 1920-21 and 1921-22; and

(2) (a) the total number of Press Notes issued by the Publicity Bureau since the advent of the present Publicity Officer from the date of his joining up to date; and

(b) the total number of leaflets published or about to be published by the Publicity Bureau since the advent of the present Publicity Officer?

A.—(1) (a) The expenditure was as shown below:—

Head.	1920-21.			1921-22.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
Paper	36,120	0	0	26,576	0	0
Printing	18,773	1	3	19,126	7	0
Postage	19,600	0	0	39,290	0	0

In accordance with the rules regulating the classification of Government accounts framed by the Auditor-General, the expenditure on printing and paper in Government departments is shown not in the estimates of the departments concerned but under the head "46. Stationery and Printing".

(b) 1920-21—Rs. 1,31,599-3-0.

1921-22—Rs. 1,43,786-7-8.

(2) (a) 148.

(b) Eleven published.

Ten about to be published.

Admission into the Government Colleges.

412 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(1) the number of applications received from students for admission into—

- (a) the Government Arts Colleges,
- (b) the Medical College,
- (c) the Engineering College, and
- (d) the Teachers' College, Saidapet,

and the number actually selected;

(2) the number of students who applied in each of the several communities and the number selected from each of them;

(3) whether all the members of the respective Selection Boards were present at the time of selection and if not, what the strength of the members present in each case and decided the selection was;

(4) the constitution of the Selection Board for the Medical Schools and whether the Board is representative of the several communities; and

(5) what the total number was of applications received for admission into the Medical Schools and the number admitted and by what principle the Committee was guided in the matter of selection of students?

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A.—(1)

			Number of applications.	Number selected.
Government Arts Colleges	2,335	1,207
Medical College	..	..	251	91
Engineering College	..	..	159	75
Teachers' College, Saidapet	..	..	170	118

(2) (a) Arts Colleges—

			Number of applications.	Number of admissions.
Brahmans	..	..	1,456	739
Non-Brahman Hindus	..	..	650	392
Muhammadans	..	..	54	39
Indian Christians	..	..	51	28
Anglo-Indians	..	..	10	9
Others	..	..	114 *	..
Total	..	..	2,335	1,207

(b) Medical College—

			Number of applications.	Number of admissions.
Brahmans	..	..	151	33
Non-Brahman Hindus	..	..	55	36
Muhammadans	..	..	2	2
Indian Christians	..	..	37	15
Europeans and Anglo-Indians	..	..	6	5
Total	..	..	251	91

(c) Engineering College—

			Number of applications.	Number of admissions.
Brahmans	..	..	85	33
Non-Brahman Hindus	..	..	47	26
Muhammadans	..	..	5	3
Indian Christians	..	..	16	8
Anglo-Indians	..	..	6	5
Total	..	..	159 †	75 †

(d) Teachers' College, Saidapet—

			Number of applications.	Number of admissions.
Brahmans	..	..	140	89
Non-Brahmans	..	..	19	18
Indian Christians	..	..	11	11
Total	..	..	170	118

* Particulars regarding caste are not furnished in the applications.

† 109 and 53 relate to the number of applications and admissions to the engineer class and 50 and 22 to the subordinate class. Owing to the small number of applications for the subordinate class, the selection was left to the Principal who admitted all qualified candidates who applied.

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(3) Except in the case of the Kumbakonam College, the College of Engineering and the Medical College, all the members were present. In the Kumbakonam College and the Engineering College the number of members present was 4 as against 5, the strength of the Committee, and in the case of the Medical College 3 out of the 5 members were present.

In the case of the Teachers' College, Saidapet, the Committee did not meet as the admissions had been made before the Committee was appointed by Government.

(4) *Medical Schools*—

The Selection Board was composed of—

- (1) Lieut.-Col. R. B. B. Foster, I.M.S.
- (2) Major W. C. Gray, I.M.S.
- (3) Dr. A. Lakshmanaswami Mudaliyar, M.D.

The Indian member belonged to the non-Brahman community.

(5) The number of applications received was 492 out of which 250 were selected for admission. The Committee was guided by the rule for the selection of candidates for admission to the medical schools published in Part I-B of the *Fort St. George Gazette*, dated the 23rd May 1922, according to which preference is given to candidates who have taken up one of the following as their special subject, viz., Chemistry, Physics, Physiology, Mathematics: (1) Practical Mathematics, (2) Algebra and Geometry in the Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination. The Committee also saw, as far as possible, that students of all communities were represented, provided they had the prescribed qualifications.

Telephonic communication to the residences of the hon. Members and Ministers at Ootacamund.

413 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state the amount expended in connexion with the installation of telephonic communication at the residences of the Members of the Executive Council and Ministers at Ootacamund?

A.—Prior to 17th May 1922, an inclusive sum of Rs. 180 per annum was charged for telephone connexions both at Madras and Ootacamund with an additional sum of Rs. 20 per annum for every half a mile or fraction thereof by which the length of the connexion in Madras exceeded two miles, in addition to which a charge of Rs. 20 was made each time a telephone was moved from one house to another and a charge of Rs. 5 when it was moved from one room to another. The charges under this scale continued in force after the 17th May 1922 until the expiry of any six months' period for which an engagement had been entered into on the above principle. Subsequent to the 17th May 1922 or to the expiry of any such period a charge was made at the rate of Rs. 250 per annum for the period in which the telephone was used in Madras and at the rate of Rs. 200 per annum for the period in which it was used in Ootacamund with similar charges for any changes that might be made in the location of telephones. Owing